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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSISTANT MINISTER KIM CHUNG TAE BRIEFED EMBOFF ON KOREAN OIL MISSION TO MIDEAST. KIM SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE AT VERY GENERAL LEVEL. IN SAUDI ARABIA, MISSION EXPRESSEDKOREA'S NEED FOR OIL TO MAINTAIN STRONG ECONOMY AND DEF-ENSE POSTURE AGAINST THREAT OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSOR FROM NORTH. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTARITIES: ARABS HAVE RESOURCES AND MONEY, KOREA HAS TRAINED PEOPLE. EACH SIDE COULD MAKE ITS ABUNDANT FACTORS AVAILABLE TO OTHER TO WORK TOGETHER TO BENEFIT BOTH. KIM EXPECTS LATER DISCUSSIONS ANDDETAILS TO TAKE PLACE WHEN SAUDI MISSION VISITS FAR EAST, OR THROUGH ARAB EMBASSY IN TOKYO.

2. KIM SAID ARABS WERE LESS INTERESTED NOW IN KOREAN CEMENT THAN PREVIOUSLY. CEMENT PRICE AND AVAILABILITY RELATIONSHIPS HAVE CHANGED SINCE NOVEMBER WHEN KOREA WAS ONE OF FEW SUPPLIERS. OTHER COUNTRIES, CLOSER TO MID-EAST, HAVE OFFERED CEMENT FOR OIL, PUTT-
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ING KOREAN CEMENT, WITH ITS HIGH TRANSPORTATION COST, AT A DISAD-

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VANTAGE. ARABS BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, BUT ACCEPTED MISSION'S CONTENTION THAT ROKG-ISRAEL TIES ARE MINIMAL; THEREFORE, SAUDIS DID NOT INSIST THAT ROKG'S PUBLIC STATEMENT SUPPORTING ARAB POSITION MENTION POSSIBILITY OF BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. KIM SAID THAT SALES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO USFK WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

3. DISCUSSIONS IN KUWAIT PUT LESS EMPHASIS ON DEFENSE AGAINST COMMUNISM (WHICH KIM INTIMATED MAY HAVE BEEN THE MOST INFTCENTIAL ARGUMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA) AND MORE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. MISSION FOUND NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA IN EVIDENCE IN KUWAIT WHERE ONE OFFICIAL CITED NK REPORT THAT ROK HAD ASSISTED U.S. IN SUPPLY-ING WEAPONS TO ISRAEL. VISIT TO KUWAIT WAS SHORT SINCE MISSION WAS INFORMED THAT FRIENDLY COUNTRY STATUS IS NOT SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE IN KUWAIT OIL CUTBACK AND DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES. UNDERHILL

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